

ESTABLISHED 1840.

CLOSING RATES
Yesterday of cotton and gold: New York, cotton, 12 1/2; Memphis, 12 1/2. New York, gold, closed at 113; Memphis, 112.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.
WAR DEPT., OFFICE CHIEF, S. O. OFFICER.
WASHINGTON, April 12, 1876.
For Tennessee and the Ohio valley, steady pressure and temperature, westerly winds, and partly cloudy weather.

DR. DRAUPE, a celebrated physician of Berlin, is dead.

This statement elsewhere published in reference to Blaine, is denied by him and the officials of the Union Pacific road.

The California senate committee is taking testimony in San Francisco as to the Chinese system of emigration. Rich developments.

The house committee on appropriations has agreed to recommend concurrence on all senate amendments to the silver currency bill.

The people of Helena, Montana, yesterday refused to endorse the subsidy granted the Union Pacific railway by the legislature of that territory.

In the house of representatives yesterday the bill regulating commerce and navigation of steam vessels was amended in various respects and passed.

A joint committee of Republicans and Democrats has been appointed to maintain the purity of the ballot-box at the coming presidential election in Chicago. Correct.

SENATOR HOWE introduced a bill in the senate yesterday to provide for cheap transportation of freight between the water at or near the Atlantic ocean and the Ohio and Mississippi valley railways.

In the senate yesterday, Senator Stevenson presented a petition, which was referred to tobacco dealers of Cincinnati, and Covington, Kentucky, asking a reduction of tax on tobacco to sixteen cents per pound.

GENERAL McDOWELL, in charge of the United States army division south, with headquarters at Louisville, has been ordered to succeed General Schofield in command of the division of the Pacific, the change to occur in July next.

The general council last night very quietly, and, as we think, very properly decided all questions as to the enforcement of the ordinances between the mayor and the police commissioners by reaffirming all police supervision and control lodged in the latter.

HON. JEFFERSON DAVIS yesterday returned to the city for a brief visit, quite recovered, we are happy to say, from recent severe indisposition. Mr. Davis speaks hopefully of the great enterprise over which he presides, and looks for results in emigration and trade that will be beneficial to the whole Mississippi valley.

The Republican State convention of South Carolina was in session in Charleston, yesterday, and indulged in a stormy time and mutual recrimination by opponents, in which "robber," "thief," and similar epithets were freely used. Governor Chamberlain led one gang, and Senator Patterson the other. Motion delegates were elected.

The first number of the *Evening Banner*, Nashville, is to hand. Well printed and, of course, full of telegraph news, and timely, readable selections, we feel safe in predicting for it a long and useful career. In the editorial article the *Banner* proclaims that it will be "a critic in its politics, and will conscientiously labor for the real interests of the party now struggling for supremacy in the nation. In saying this, it reserves the right to expose corruption and wrong in its own ranks, if such should exist; and will be at all times untrammeled in its methods of dealing with public men and measures. It will not denounce political opponents because they may be Republicans, nor will it indiscriminately espouse the cause of political friends simply because they are Democrats. In the matter of the State credit, the *Banner* can never be an advocate of repudiation. It requires no argument to show that the debt of Tennessee should be paid. Once allow that the debt is a valid one (who doubts it?) and common honesty and good faith enjoin its payment."

THE TARIFF BILL.

Committee of Ways and Means Order that it be Reported To-Day.

WASHINGTON, April 11.—The committee of ways and means completed Morrison's tariff bill to-day and ordered it to be reported favorably to the house. The tax on coffee of three cents and on tea fifteen cents was struck out. The concluding proviso of the free list has been amended to read as follows: "Provided, that alcohol is not to be used for the manufacture of either chloroform or vegetable alkaloid made free by this act, and may be withdrawn from bond free of special tariff revenue tax per gallon in quantities not exceeding one thousand gallons at any one time, under such regulations and bonds as the secretary of the treasury shall prescribe." A motion was made by Mr. Morrison in the committee to reduce the proposed duties on coffee to two cents, and on tea ten cents, but this was disagreed to by vote, 5 yeas, 4 nays. The tea and coffee clause was then struck from the bill by vote, 7 yeas, 4 nays. Mr. Morrison gave notice of his intention to offer in the house, pending the consideration of the bill, an amendment taxing tea and coffee. The bill was ordered to be reported favorably to the house by the following vote: Yeas—Morrison, Wood, Thomas, Hill, Chapin, and Tucker, all Democrats. Nays—Blaine, Kelly, Garfield, Bureland (H.), Republicans, and Faddock, Democrats.

Kilbourne sued out a writ of *habeas corpus* yesterday, upon which the house will take order to-day.

TENNESSEE.

A Plan for Her Relief from the Oppression of Her Public Debt and Heavy Taxes—A New Idea for the People.

Small Deposits upon State Certificates Bearing Two Per Cent. Interest May Realize a Saving of \$800,000.

A Suggestion Worthy the Serious Consideration of All Classes, by which Obligations May be Met and the State Credit be Saved.

A Thorough Review of the Resources of the State—What She Can and What She Cannot Do—Comparison with Massachusetts.

In making space for the following unusually lengthy communication, and thus violating our duty to our readers to devote our available space to the general news of the day, we are all who shall be sustained in the belief that we will give it a patient and careful reading. Able, searching and logical, it will well repay the reader's time spent upon it. He may not, as we do, agree with the writer upon all the points he makes, and he may even doubt the feasibility of a plan to simple, for making the state credit, but we think that every working citizen of the State a bond-holder, and therefore more directly than he is now even interested in an economical adjustment of the government of the State and the maintenance of her credit—the reader may not agree at all with the writer—but he cannot fail to recognize the national ability he discovers, nor to confess that he treats his subject with a breadth and comprehensiveness unusual in these days of dissipation and mediocrity. He cannot fail to find at least, even though he be wedded to other plans for the release of the people from public burdens. We ask the reader to read it with a patient and careful reading, especially on the part of the State officials and the press of the State, confident as we are that no more able paper has yet been given to the public of Tennessee on the State debt and tax burdens.

Hon. James D. Porter, Governor of Tennessee, Nashville:

I require a question of public economy—the "national debt"—as it has been called—has been a question of public economy, though dignified by the address to the people, and though it is a question of public economy, when only the abstract relations of quantities and not the actual living numbers themselves are presented to the eye.

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A Charge Against Bloudy-Shirt Blaine that Calls for Immediate Investigation.

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MISSISSIPPI.

Passage of Revenue Bill—Vacant Jurisdiction—Supreme Court—The Penitentiary.

Special to the Appeal.

JACKSON, April 11.—The legislature is transacting a vast quantity of business. The senate passed a revenue bill which fixes the State taxes in all at six and one-quarter mills. No school tax will be levied. The law also passed an agricultural lien law. This law gives landholders' claims preference. The confirmation of Judge J. A. P. Campbell as justice of the supreme court seems to hang fire in the senate; most likely because of the very general desire among the members of that body for the appointment of H. H. Chambers, of De Soto county. Campbell will, no doubt, be confirmed.

The house passed a bill leasing the penitentiary for fifteen years to the highest bidder. The bill was in the interest of Colonel E. Richardson, and its passage virtually gives him the lease. The legislature will pass a bill to increase the salary of the governor to \$10,000 a year.

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